

Disclosure Statement Concerning an Election Commitment

(Transparency in Election Commitments Act, S.N.B. 2018, c.1, ss.4 and 5)



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Part A: Election commitment	
Registered political party	Green Party of New Brunswick
Number	010
Title	Mental health budget
Description	Increase to nine percent the proportion of the Department of Health's budget dedicated to providing mental health and addiction services.
Type of commitment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party commitment <input type="checkbox"/> Leader commitment
Party platform reference	
Type of disclosure statement	<p>Check one of the boxes:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (a) Cost estimate; i.e. an estimate of the commitment's cost or financial implications.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) Maximum cost statement; i.e. if the commitment relates to a new or expanded program or service, the maximum cost to which the party commits if it forms the next government.</p> <p>(c) An estimate of the financial implications of the election commitment has not been prepared because:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient information was available to prepare a cost estimate;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The election commitment will not have financial implications for the Province; or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The party declines to prepare a cost estimate or a maximum cost statement with respect to the election commitment.</p>
Complementary disclosure statement	<p>If a maximum cost statement is checked above and the election commitment indicates it will also increase or reduce revenue, the following disclosure statement is also filed:</p> <p>Number and Title</p>

Part B: Financial implications							
Fiscal Year	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Subsequent	Total
Operating Budget – Revenue							
Operating Budget – Expenses	N.A.	\$30 million	\$60 million	\$90 million	\$120 million		\$300 million
Capital Budget – Expenditures							
<input type="checkbox"/> These financial implications are included in the <i>Summary of Election Commitments</i> filed with this statement.							

Part C: Additional required information

Each significant assumption made in determining the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

- The Green Party would undo the structural changes made to the Department of Health for the 2018-19 fiscal year such as including extra mural and ambulance services as one budgetary line, so the 2017-18 budget is used as a reference
- Increasing the mental health and addictions budgets by \$120 million, to \$270 million by 2022-23 would be achieved by a \$30 million annual increases over four years
- This estimates assume 4% annual increases in Health budget

The sources of information used in preparing the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

- Government of New Brunswick - 2018-19 Main Estimates:
<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/fin/pdf/Budget/2018-2019/MainEstimates2018-2019BudgetPrincipal.pdf>
- Government of New Brunswick – 2017-18 Main Estimates:
<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/fin/pdf/Budget/2017-2018/MainEstimates2017-2018BudgetPrincipal.pdf>

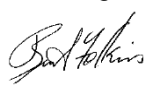
The computations done to prepare the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

- 2019-20: \$125 million in additional spending. Total mental health and addictions services budgets would equal \$260 million, total Part III health services budget would equal \$2.9 billion. \$260 million is 9% of \$2.9 billion.
- 2020-21: \$260 million x 1.04 = \$270 million = \$135 million of new spending
- 2021-22: \$270 million x 1.04 = \$281 million = \$146 million of new spending
- 2022-23: \$281 million x 1.04 = \$292 million = \$157 million of new spending

Part D: Publication

This disclosure statement has been made public by the registered political party; i.e. by or through any media, including a press release, a post on a website or any other public information media.

Part E: Signature

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or Electronic signature (Type name)	Date